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SUBJECT: TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR FORTHCOMING EC POLITICAL COOPERATION
MEETINGS

1. A SOURCE IN THE BELGIAN PERMANENT DELEGATION TO THE EC HAS GIVEN US A RUNDOWN ON THE ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN ROME BY THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS OF THE EC-9 SEPT 4-5 AND IN VENICE BY THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS SEPT 11-12. (IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSING THESE ITEMS THEMSELVES, THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS ARE TO FIRM UP THE AGENDA FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTERS.)

2. UN: BOTH MEETINGS WILL FOCUS ON THE UNITED NATIONS WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTERS USING THEIR VENICE MEETING TO ASSURE COMMON COMMUNITY POSITIONS DURING THE CLOSING DAYS OF THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION. (OUR SOURCE INDICATED THAT THE PLACING OF THIS ITEM ON THE AGENDA WAS A BELGIAN SUGGESTION RESULTING FROM THE COMMUNITY'S EXPERIENCE IN LIMA WHERE EC COORDINATION BROKE DOWN DURING THE FINAL DAYS OF THE CONFERENCE. AT THAT TIME, EFFORTS WERE MADE TO HOLD THE MEMBER STATES TO A COMMON POSITION ON THE LIMA DECLARATION, BUT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO SCHEDULE A "POLITICAL-LEVEL" MEETING AT THE LAST MINUTE, COMMUNITY COORDINATION BROKE DOWN. IT IS HOPED THAT THE

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FOREIGN MINISTERS, MEETING AS THEY ARE JUST PRIOR TO THE

CLOSE OF THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION, MAY HELP TO AVOID A REPETITION OF THE EXPERIENCE IN LIMA.

3. IN ADDITION, THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS AND FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL TRY TO WORK OUT COORDINATED EC POSITIONS ON OTHER ISSUES COMING BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, INCLUDING THE QUESTION OF ISRAELI MEMBERSHIP AND THE STATUS OF NAMIBIA.

4. MID-EAST ISSUES: THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS AND THE FOREIGN MINISTERS ARE TO GIVE FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO THE U.S. REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR EGYPT. OUR SOURCE COMMENTED THAT THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS ARE UNLIKELY TO DO MORE THAN APPROVE THE RESULTS OF THE RECENT MEETING OF EC MID-EAST EXPERTS AND PASS THE FILE ON TO THE FOREIGN MINISTERS. THE EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE IS ALSO ON THE AGENDA FOR BOTH MEETINGS ALTHOUGH OUR SOURCE WAS UNCLEAR AS TO WHAT, IF ANY, DECISIONS COULD BE EXPECTED.

5. PORTUGAL: THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS AND FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL DISCUSS THE CURRENT SITUATION IN PORTUGAL AND WILL ATTEMPT TO COORDINATE ANY EC ASSISTANCE IN THE EVACUATION OF ANGOLA.

6. CYPRUS: THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS AND FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL REVIEW THE SITUATION IN CYPRUS AS IT HAS EVOLVED SINCE THEY LAST DISCUSSED THE SUBJECT IN HELSINKI.

7. EUROPEAN COUNCIL: THE FOREIGN MINISTERS ARE TO SETTLE ON A DATE FOR THE NEXT EUROPEAN COUNCIL (HEADS OF GOVERNMENT) WHICH IS EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE IN ROME LATE IN NOVEMBER.
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